

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A process for the production of a coating layer from a thermally curable coating composition on a substrate, comprising the successive steps:

- a) providing a substrate to be coated, wherein the substrate is selected from the group consisting of automotive bodies, body parts and body fittings;
- b) applying a coated backing foil consisting of a foil coated on one side with an uncured or at least only partially cured coating layer of a thermally curable coating composition, with its coated side on the entire surface or on at least one sub-zone of the surface of the substrate,
- c) supplying ~~thermal~~ energy consisting of thermal energy onto the entire coating applied in step b), and
- d) removing the backing foil from the coating which remains on the substrate.

Claim 2. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the supply of thermal energy onto the coating proceeds at least partially through the backing foil.

Claim 3. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the substrate to be coated is provided with a precoating comprising at least one layer.

Claim 4. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the surface of the backing foil in adherence with the coating is textured.

Claim 5. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the uncured or at least only partially cured coating layer in step b) is a coating layer with a tacky surface.

Claim 6. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the thermally curable coating composition applied in step b) contains at least one binder with free-radically polymerizable olefinic double bonds.

Claim 7. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the thermally curable coating composition applied in step b) contains at least one binder cross-linkable by reactions selected from the group consisting of condensation reactions, addition reactions and combinations thereof.

Claim 8. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the coated backing foil is applied in step b) with pressure.

Claim 9. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the coated backing foil is applied in step b) with pressure and heat.

Claim 10. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the supply of thermal energy proceeds in step c) by using a method selected from the group consisting of radiant heating, convection, induction heating, contact heating and any combination thereof.

Claim 11. (Canceled)

Claim 12. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the coating composition is applied in step b) as a transparent sealing coating composition.

Claim 13. (Previously presented) The process of claim 12, wherein the transparent sealing coating composition is applied only onto at least one sub-zone of the surface of the substrate which are accessible to the application of a coated backing foil according to step b) and to supply of thermal energy.

Claim 14. (Previously presented) A substrate provided with a coating layer using the process of claim 1.

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Claims 15. – 40. (Canceled)

Claim 41. (New) The process of claim 1, wherein additional energy consisting of thermal energy is supplied onto the entire coating layer applied in step b) after removal of the backing foil in step d).